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1. EMBASSY FULLY ENDORSES IDEA OF US- UK STUDY GROUP AS MEANS OF ACHIEVING GREATER UK INVOLVEMENT IN SEA NARCOTICS PROBLEM. WE ALSO CONCUR IN POINTS MADE PARA 5 REFTEL.

2. PENDING KNOWLEDGE OF EXACT CONTENTS OF ROLPH' S REPORT, FOL- LOWING PROVISONAL COMMENTS ARE MADE:
(A) WE TOO HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT PRE- EMPTIVE PURCHASING FOR REASONS COGENTLY SET FORTH IN PARA 2 REFTEL AND FOR SPECIAL REASONS APPLICABLE TO BURMA AT PRESENT STAGE OF GUB' S EFFORTS TO INCREASE ITS CONTROL OVER ITS OWN TERRITORY.
(B) ASSUMING EMBASSY BANGKOK CONCURS, IDEA OF ASSIGNMENT OF HKG NARCOTICS SPECIALIST TO BRITISH EMBASSY BANGKOK SEEMS
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EXCELLENT ONE. HE MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDING BURMA.

(C) WE WELCOME IDEA OF INVITING BURMESE AND OTHER TRI- BORDER COUNTRY NARCOTICS OFFICIALS TO VISIT HONG KONG. EVEN THOUGH GUB MAY DECLINE, INVITATION WOULD BE IN LINE WITH POLICY OF SEEKING BURMESE INVOLVEMENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

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